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## PREFACE

Alcohol has been suspected of being a major contributor to boating accidents for many years. In a previous study "Alcohol in Fatal Recreational Boating Accidents", reliable data on the blood alcohol concentrations of fatal boating accident victims was assembled and analyzed for the first time. In the present study this data is augmented by data on the blood alcohol concentration of boaters not involved in fatal accidents - i.e. corresponding "exposure" data - enabling estimates of relative risk to be calculated for the first time. The work was performed by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Special Programs Administration, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (VNTSC) and under contract to VNTSC by Dunlap Inc. This study was conducted for the U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Navigation Safety and Waterway Services; the project was sponsored by the Office of Engineering Logistics and Development.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In order to study the severity and extent of the problems associated with alcohol use in recreational boating the Coast Guard established a program with the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (VNTSC) to collect and analyze exposure data to be used with fatal accident data to estimate the relative risk of intoxication versus being sober for fatal boating accidents. (Relative risk is an estimate of the factor by which the fatality rate is larger for intoxicated boaters than for sober boaters. The concept is more precisely defined in section 6 and examined further in later sections.) Exposure data characterizes the extent and level of intoxication of the recreational boater in non-accident situations. Such data is taken under conditions which are as similar as practical to conditions under which fatal accidents have occurred.

In a previous study entitled Alcohol in Fatal Recreational Boating Accidents it was reported that $30 \%$ of the recreational boating fatalities available to that study had blood alcohol concentrations (BACs) in percent by volume above . 1 (all BAC's referred to in this report are expressed as percent by volume although the percent symbol will be omitted) and another $21 \%$ had BACs above .04 but below .1. These numbers suggest that alcohol consumption raises the risk of fatality in boating accidents, as it appears that the BAC levels of the fatalities are higher than those usually seen in typical samples of boaters. Further analysis in that report suggested that the types of accidents involving drunk victims could be expected to be influenced by the degree of intoxication. Nevertheless the fatality data alone do not establish a relative risk for alcohol intoxication in recreational boating. Since prior to the present study there was no known data on the BAC distribution of persons involved in recreational boating, a quantitative estimate of relative risk could not be developed at that time.

The need for the distribution of BACs in an exposure sample has long been recognized in the context of highway accidents. In the 1960's R.F. Borkenstein et al (Reference 2) conducted a large study in Grand Rapids, Michigan to determine BAC distributions and relative risk for traffic accidents due to various levels of intoxication. The risk estimates derived from this study were of tremendous value in establishing highway BAC limits and in focussing law enforcement efforts on what was revealed to be perhaps the single greatest source of accident fatalities in the United States.

It must be realized that only as a result of such exposure studies can relative risk be calculated and only with objective estimates of relative risk can the size of the recreational boating alcohol problem be adequately gauged for resource allocation purposes.

The fatal boating accident data used in this report had been assembled and analyzed by VNTSC in a previous report, Alcohol in Fatal Recreational Boating Accidents \#DOT-CG-D-04-88. This data was gathered primarily from California and North Carolina and includes information on the accident, boaters, vessel, setting, time and date, as well as the BACs of the fatally injured.

The original plan called for collecting exposure data in both California and North Carolina, but budget limitations required that the study be confined to California. Before exposure data could be collected, the program plan was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as is required for any federal survey. OMB approval was granted contingent on using only recreational boat operators as subjects (no passengers).

The remainder of the report documents:

- Rationale for the selection of the sites and times for collecting data
- Sites selected for data collection
- Procedures for interviewing subjects and collecting data
- Risk calculation
- Statistical stability and sources of bias


## 2. SITE SELECTION

Appropriate site selection is a critical first step in developing exposure data. Unlike the highway situation, it not practical to simply wait at the accident location and solicit breath samples from passing boaters because too few boaters would pass any particular spot. It was determined that sufficient quantities of samples could only be obtained by collecting data on shore at boating ramps and marinas. For the purpose of this study the site is the body of water or segment thereof where the fatal accident occurred. The actual data collection is conducted at the ramp which services the accident location.

In the selection of sites for collecting exposure data the possibility of collecting too much data from sites that have little danger of fatal boating accidents with or without alcohol use constitutes a threat to validity. One solution, which is not perfect theoretically but certainly cuts down on the low risk sites, is to choose only sites where a boating fatality actually occurred. In this case there should be a mix of sites according to the BAC of the victim. That is, some sites should correspond to victims with high BAC, some with moderate BAC, and some with zero BAC. There does not seem to be a theory for the exact mix of sites. The important thing to do is to avoid systematically favoring high or low victim BAC sites.

The study was divided into three units of data collection (described more fully in Section 4). The actual sites for Units 2 and 3 are listed in Appendix A together with the BAC of the associated fatality. These BACs are a representative mix. The first unit was gathered as part of the OMB required pretest procedure. The methodology used in the pretest was successful and was used in the second and third units. Because the methodology proved valid it was possible to use the data from this unit with that of the other two.

The choice of sites which actually had boating fatalities led in most cases to ramps or marinas which had a substantial boating population which could be surveyed. However, in some cases there were few or no boat operators to survey and so the site could not be profitably used.

By timing the data collection to well overlap the time of the fatality it was hoped that representative times would be obtained in the tested BACs. There were very few boat operators leaving the water by the boat ramps after dark although a sizable fraction of the fatalities occurred after dark. Therefore an attempt was made to emphasize night testing in unit 2 . Nevertheless, nighttime interviews and BAC data were scarce. This was not because of a higher refusal rate but because the traffic at the boat ramps falls off sharply after dark. In the analysis section a means of correcting for a possible bias due to under-representation of nighttime boating in the exposure sample is applied to the data.

## 3. DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES

The details of data collection are given in Appendix A. The data collection was conducted by Dunlap and Associates under contract to VNTSC. Collection was carried out by a team of two. The investigators surveyed the sites, contacted local law enforcement officials, and obtained permission from the site operators to collect data.

The investigators were informally dressed and waited for boat operators to leave the launch ramp after having brought their boat out of the water. The operator was approached in a friendly, low key, reassuring manner. The boat operators were interviewed prior to breath testing. The interview provided data on the boat operator, boating party, boat, and outing (the questionnaire is shown in Appendix $A$ and the resulting data elements are described in Appendix B which contains the resulting data base). The success of this procedure is demonstrated by the fact that only one person refused the interview out of over 350 boat operators approached.

The investigators used an Intoxylizer 5000 (breath analyzer). This relatively large instrument is quite stable and was calibrated before each of the three units (see Section 4) of the study. This device provides a printed record of the measured BAC. The BAC reading was not revealed to the boat operator being tested unless the operator specifically requested it (see Appendix A). The investigators did not look at the results until after the completion of data collection for the day.

The great majority of boat operators ( $91 \%$ ) provided valid breath samples. The very high degree of cooperation on the interview and the high degree of cooperation on the breath test is no doubt attributable largely to the skill of the interviewers.

## 4. SCOPE OF DATA COLLECTION

The data collection consisted of 3 units, each approximately 2 weeks in duration. Each unit involved data collection on approximately 7 days (about 6 hours a day). Each day was at a different site (with one exception no site was visited twice). The first unit was an OMB required pilot study to determine the feasibility of the data collection effort. Because of the success of the procedure the methods were continued unmodified for the second and third units. Therefore the data for all three units could be pooled and used in the analysis. The first unit was conducted in October of 1988, the second in June of 1989, and the third in August of 1989 .

The three units of testing are summarized in Table 1. The abbreviated column titles are expanded below:

1. Unit $-1,2$, or 3
2. Month in which unit was performed.
3. How many sites were visited in the unit - each site was visited on a different day.
4. How many total boaters (subjects) were interviewed in the unit.
5. How many of the sites yielded more than 10 boater interviews (subjects).
6. How many boaters refused to take the breath test to determine their true BAC.
7. How many sites were visited on Fridays.
8. How many of the Friday sites had nighttime testing.
9. Number of Saturday sites.
10. How many of the Saturday sites had nighttime testing.

Table 1. Summary of Testing by Unit

| Unit | Month | Sites | Subs | Sites with <br> $>10$ Subs | BAC <br> Refusals | Friday <br> Sites | Fri. <br> Night <br> Sites | Saturday <br> Sites | Sat. <br> Night <br> Sites |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $10 / 88$ | 7 | 118 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 | $6 / 89$ | 8 | 146 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | $8 / 89$ | 7 | 92 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals |  | 22 | 356 | 19 | 29 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 |

## 5. RESULTS

The results of the data collection effort are presented in Tables 2 and 3. Table 2 summarizes the number of operators surveyed and the breakdown according to the success of the interview and the test. Three hundred fifty-seven boaters were approached; one refused the interview, 28 refused to take the BAC test. Of those who agreed to the breath test, nine provided unusable samples. The unusable samples appeared to be related to equipment or procedural problems. There were consequently 319 good tests.

The 319 good tests are distributed in BAC as shown in Table 3: 244 boaters showed zero BAC. Of the 75 with a BAC greater than zero, 35 had BAC's greater than or equal to $.04,12$ had BAC's greater than or equal to .08 and 9 had BAC's greater than or equal to .10 .

## Table 2. Summary of Number of Boat Operators Surveyed and Tested (California 1988-1989)

| Total Boat <br> Operators | Refused <br> Interview | Refused Test | Bad Test | Good Test |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 357 | 1 | 28 | 9 | 319 |

Table 3. Summary of Operator Exposure Data (California 1988-1989)

| Zero BAC | BAC $>0$ | BAC $\geq .04$ | BAC $\geq .08$ | BAC $\geq .10$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 244 | 75 | 35 | 12 | 9 |

Appendix B lists the complete data base. It presents the BAC related to the characteristics of the boat operators, their passengers, boats, and trips.

In addition to the BAC distribution of the exposure sample (those boat operators interviewed and tested in the course of collecting data during the three units in California) the relative risk calculation requires information on the BAC distribution of boating fatalities. A listing of cases from a data base of California boating fatalities from 1984 and 1985 with known BAC is given in Appendix C. Data on operator fatalities will be used in the current study, and that information is briefly summarized in Table 4.

Table 4. Summary of Operator Fatality Data (California 1984-1985)

| Total | Unknown | Good Test | Zero BAC | BAC $>0$ | BAC $\geq .04$ | BAC $\geq .10$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 70 | 17 | 53 | 28 | 25 | 18 | 11 |

Figure 1 shows the observed cumulative distributions of BAC for three populations.

1. The boat operators tested during the data collection ( 319 observations). This distribution is indicated by small squares.
2. Boat operators killed in fatal boating accidents in California in 1984 and 1985 for whom there was a BAC determination (cases indicated by a downward pointing triangle).
3. Boaters (operators and passengers) killed in fatal boating accidents in California in 1984 and 1985 for whom there was a BAC determination (cases indicated by upward pointing triangle).

Figure 2 is essentially the previous plot turned upside down for ease in visualizing and explaining the relative risk calculations. The lower plot in Figure 2 labelled by small squares shows the percent of boat operators (survey sample) with BACs above a given amount. For example, it is seen that about $23 \%$ of the survey sample had BACs over zero while somewhat under $10 \%$ of these subjects had BACs over 05 .

From Figure 2 it can be seen that all boaters and boat operators in the fatality data had very close to the same BAC distribution while boat operators in the survey sample had relatively much smaller numbers at the higher BACs (For example, for the fatal accident sample about $20 \%$ of the boaters, whether operators or passengers, had BACs over .1 while for the survey sample less than $3 \%$ of boaters had BACs over.1).

Since at low BACs a given fraction of survey boaters corresponds to a relatively small fraction of the fatal accident boaters while at high BACs a given fraction of survey boaters corresponds to a relatively large fraction of fatal accident boaters, it appears that the chances of being killed in a boat outing goes up with BAC. In the next section we consider estimates of the relative risk of fatality due to alcohol impairment which quantifies this observation. At the same time the factors which could bias our estimate of this relative risk are also considered and their effect is estimated in a later section.

## 6. RELATIVE RISK

The relative risk for boat operators for BAC over . 1 compared to the risk for BAC equal to zero is defined as follows:

$$
R=\frac{(\text { Fatalities } \geq .10) /(\text { Exposure } \geq .10)}{(\text { Fatalities zero BAC }) /(\text { Exposure zero BAC })}
$$

"Fatalities $\geq .10$ " means the number of boat operators with BAC's greater than or equal to .10 in the fatality data set. "Exposure $\geq .10$ " means the number of boat operators with BAC's greater than or equal to .10 in the exposure data set (the whole survey data set). "Fatalities zero $\mathrm{BAC}^{\prime}$ and "Exposure zero $\mathrm{BAC"}^{\text {a }}$ are defined similarly. These four quantities will be abreviated $F_{z_{1 .}}, E_{\geq_{1 .},}, F_{o}$, and $E_{o}$ respectively.

If we plug into this formula the appropriate entries from Tables 3 and 4 for California boat operators the result is:

$$
R=\frac{(11 / 9)}{(28 / 244)}=10.65
$$

This is to be interpreted as meaning that our best estimate is that boat operators with BAC's at or over .10 are about ten and a half times as likely (per outing) to die in a fatal boating accident as boat operators with zero BAC.

Note that the ratio in the numerator of R i.e. (Fatalities $\geq .10$ ) /(Exposure $\geq .10$ ) would be a fatality rate for boat operators with BAC $\geq .10$ if the exposure were measured over the entire population of boat operators whose fatalities are included. The same holds true of the denominator. The entire population in either case is based on the entire boating population of California. The exposures as measured here are a sample of the total exposure. Therefore the numerator and denominator are both estimates of quantities proportional to the corresponding fatality rates. The constants of proportionality should be the same and cancel. Therefore $\mathbf{R}$ should be an estimate of risk defined as the ratio of fatality rates for drunk compared to sober.

The rest of this report will be primarily concerned with assessing the accuracy of this estimate. Specifically we shall address the statistical stability and bias (if any) of the estimate.

## 7. STATISTICAL STABILITY

There are two aspects of statistical stability in this estimate: Site to site variation and the variation due to the small numbers of accident victims and of exposure subjects.

In this study, site to site variation will be discussed under possible sources of bias. (Since we have $\mathbf{2 0}$ sites, if they are representatively chosen, site variability should have a small effect on the result).

The statistical variation in the relative risk due to the finite numbers of observations is readily estimated. Consider first the formula for relative risk and its (natural) logarithm:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& R=\frac{\left(F_{Z_{.1}} / E_{Z_{.1}}\right)}{\left(F_{o} / E_{o}\right)} \\
& \log R=\log F_{\geq_{.1}}-\log E_{\geq_{.1}}-\log F_{o}+\log E_{o}
\end{aligned}
$$

Each of the numbers $F_{\geq .1}, E_{\geq .1}, F_{o}$, and $E_{o}$ should be approximately independent and Poisson distributed ${ }^{1}$. If N is Poisson distributed and large (much larger than one) then the variance in $\log \mathrm{N}$ can be estimated by $1 / \mathrm{N}^{2}$ Consequently, the variance in $\log \mathrm{R}$ can be estimated by

$$
\hat{\operatorname{var}}(\log R)=\frac{1}{F_{Z_{.1}}}+\frac{1}{E_{Z_{.1}}}+\frac{1}{F_{0}}+\frac{1}{E_{0}}
$$

and the standard error in $\log R$ is estimated as

$$
\hat{\operatorname{se}}(\log R)=\left[\frac{1}{F_{\geq_{.1}}}+\frac{1}{E \geq_{.1}}+\frac{1}{F_{o}}+\frac{1}{E_{o}}\right]^{1 / 2}
$$

Substituting the appropriate values into the above formula produces an estimate of the standard error of 491765.

Then a lower $95 \%$ confidence limit for $\log R$ is approximately

$$
\log R_{\text {true }} \geq \log R_{\text {est }}-1.645 \hat{s e}\left(\log R_{\text {est }}\right)
$$

1 The arrival of boaters to be interviewed and the occurrence of accidents (in any fixed category) are both of the nature of "arrival" processes which are generally considered to be Poisson (or "completely random") processes unless there is evidence to the contrary (such as evidence of bunching). See Feller (1966) p. 11 and Doob (1953) p. 98.
$2 N$ represents any integer random variable and so this statement is true of $F_{\geq 1}, E_{21}, F_{0}$, and $E_{0}$ to the extent that they are much greater than one and Poisson distributed.
or

$$
R_{\text {true }} \geq R_{\text {est }} \exp \left[-1.645 \hat{\text { se }}\left(\log R_{\text {est }}\right)\right] .
$$

Since $R_{\text {est }}=10.65$ and $\hat{s e}\left(\log R_{\text {est }}\right)=.491765$, this means that with $95 \%$ confidence we can assert that the true value of $R$ is greater than 4.74. In other words 4.74 is a lower $95 \%$ confidence limit on Rtrue ${ }^{3}$.

Of course the most likely value from this point of view is still 10.65 and the true value is as likely to be higher than as lower than 10.65 . This analysis ignores bias which will be dealt with in the next section.

3 For the most part this report does not distinguish between $\mathrm{R}_{\text {rue }}$ which is the overall true relative risk and Rest based only on the data analyzed here. Only in this section are the two quantities distinguished by notation in order to express the confidence limits for $\mathrm{R}_{\text {rue }}$.

## 8. BIAS

There are a number of possible sources of bias to the relative risk calculated above:

1. Those who refused the breath test might have had a different BAC distribution from those who took the test.
2. There could be insufficient night exposure data.
3. The sites might possibly be unrepresentative.

In discussing the possible sources of bias particular attention will be paid to estimating how much a particular source could have lead to an overestimate of the relative risk and where possible a lower bound to the relative risk in the face of the particular source of possible bias will be considered. ${ }^{4}$

## 1. Possible bias in the Relative Risk Estimate due to a Different BAC Distribution for Those 28 Boat Operators Who Refused the Breath Test.

It is necessary to make some assumption about the BAC distribution of those who refused to take the breath test. We prefer to make a conservative assumption in the sense that it is likely to overestimate the number of boat operators above a given BAC and therefore leads to a relative risk which is underestimated, i.e., again we seek a lower bound on the relative risk.

Two different assumptions will be considered leading to two different estimates of the relative risk. It is suggested that both of these may be considered conservative. In the first assumption we make use of observational data that the observers recorded for those operators refusing the breath test. They coded their judgment based on interview and observation of the subject as a rating of 1,2 or 3 as follows:

## Intoxication Ratings:

1. No indication of alcohol impairment.
2. Person not likely impaired by alcohol.

[^0]3. Possible that person was impaired by alcohol.

The conservative assumption, assumption 1, to be made is that all (not tested) boat operators, except those showing no indication of alcohol impairment (category 1), are to be categorized as having BAC over .1.

The observational judgments concerning the sobriety of the BAC non-participants (individuals who were interviewed but would not take the BAC test) were not available for the first unit. In the first unit there were 10 BAC non-participants. We assumed that the distribution of ratings obtained for the second and third units hold in the first unit as well. Of the 18 interviewees who refused the breath test for the second and third units the observations were:

- 16 were given a rating of 1
- 2 were given a rating of 2
- None were given a rating of 3

By our assumption the fraction of BAC non-participants at .1 or above is the fraction rated 2 or 3 i.e., $2 / 18=.111$. It was more difficult but less important ${ }^{5}$ to decide what fraction of the 16 below. 1 BAC was at zero. An arbitrary assumption was that $1 / 2$ (ie. 8 of 16 ) were at zero and the other $1 / 2$ ( 8 of 16 ) were between zero and .1. Notice in Table 3 that there were 244 at zero and 66 between zero and .1. Therefore the assumption is conservative because it claims that only $50 \%$ of those who were below .1 were at zero versus $80 \%$ in Table 3. So of the 18 refusals for which observational judgments are available, 2 are assumed to be above .1 and 8 are assumed to be at zero. Inflating these estimates to the 28 total refusals implies that 3 are assumed to be above .1 and 12 are assumed to be at zero.

If we combine the results with the known data for the tested subjects we get a new expanded set of complete data from which we get a new value of the relative risk (for BAC at .1 or higher).

$$
R=\frac{11 /(9+3)}{28 /(244+12)}=8.38
$$

To summarize and simplify: suppose that all (3) non-participants not certified as sober are to be treated as intoxicated (assumption 1). Then relative risk $=8.38$.

5 Estimation of the number of interviewees who were intoxicated was more critical than estimation of the number who were at zero BAC because the intoxicated interviewees represented a very small portion of the total sample.

For assumption 2 we assume that half of all those who refuse the test are intoxicated (i.e., at .10 BAC or higher). This is a very conservative assumption because there are numerous legitimate reasons sober people would refuse the test. Recall also that less than $3 \%$ of those who took the test were over .1 and that over $92 \%$ of the people took the BAC test. If $1 / 2$ of the refusing people refused because they were unwilling to reveal a high BAC this would mean that only $4 \%$ refused for all other reasons - a very small percentage. Therefore, we consider this assumption very conservative. To increase the conservativeness (i.e., further lower the relative risk estimate) we assume that all those who refused the test had BACs above zero. With these assumptions we get a modified estimate of the relative risk:

$$
R=\frac{11 /(9+14)}{28 /(244+0)}=4.17
$$

The distortion implied by assumption 2 almost surely goes too far. This is not to say that the relative risk cannot be this low since there are other possible biases and the statistical stability issue which also affect the true value of relative risk. It is only to say that the correction for this type of bias is probably excessive in this estimate.

## 2. Possible Bias Due to Insufficient Night Exposure

Another possible source of bias is insufficient night testing, i.e., there may be more boating at night than represented in our exposure sample.

In the exposure data there were 28 breath tests taken at night and 319-28 $=291$ breath tests during the day. In the boat operator fatalities there are 11 in the night period and 43 in the day period. Therefore the ratio of night to day samples is $28 / 291=.0962$ for the exposure data and $11 / 43=.256$ for the boat operator fatality data. For this purpose define day as the time period 0700 to 1859 and other times as night.

There are two possible reasons for the difference between these ratios:

- The true nighttime exposure may be higher relative to daytime exposure than we have measured (i.e. the night period was undersampled),
- The difference is appropriate: fatality data should show more cases than the exposure data since nighttime boating is inherently more dangerous.

In order to bound the possible bias that may be present in our relative risk estimate due to possible under-sampling at night we develop separate weights for the day and night exposure data.

Let the weight for the day exposure data be $W_{d}$ and that for the night exposure data be $W_{n}$. Since the ratio of night to day cases is .256 for the fatality data and .0962 for the exposure data we require that $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{n}} / \mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{d}}=.256 / .0962=2.66$.

This will bring the exposure data in line with the accident data in the ratio of day to night quantity of data. We can choose $W_{d}=1$ and $W_{n}=2.66$ because the relative risk is not affected by an overall normalization of the exposure data. In order to calculate the relative risk the following numbers are relevant:

Total Exposure Sample at Zero BAC Tested After 19:00 $=20$
Total Exposure Sample at or Over . 1 BAC Tested After 19:00 $=3$
Total Exposure Sample at Zero BAC Before 19:00 $=224$
Total Exposure Sample At Or Over . 1 BAC Tested Before 19:00 $=6$
Therefore the relative risk with this type of correction is estimated as:

$$
R=\frac{\left(F_{Z_{.1} / E}^{Z_{.1}}\right)}{F_{0} / E_{0}} \quad \text { with } F_{\geq_{.1}}=11, F_{o}=28
$$

as before but for $E_{\geq_{.1}}$ and $E_{o}$ we use the following modified values (only the ratio is intended to be approximately correct).

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\begin{aligned}
& E_{\geq .1}=3 W_{n}+6=13.98 \\
& E_{o}=20 W_{n}+224=277.2
\end{aligned}
$$

so $R=7.790$.

If the nighttime exposure is undersampled by a factor of 2.66 as estimated by the nighttime proportion of fatalities, then this estimate may be more accurate than the original unmodified estimate for this relative risk. However, if nighttime boating is more dangerous in itself than daytime boating, then the nighttime exposure may not be under-estimated so much and a value nearer the original 10.65 would be preferred.

## 3. Possible Bias Due to Unrepresentative Sites

There could be some concern that the sites were somehow not representative. The sites were all chosen to correspond to accidents in the accident data base. There is no reason to believe they are generally low BAC sites. The BAC values for the accident corresponding to each site is available only for units 2 and 3. In those units, seven of the fifteen sites corresponded to operator fatalities with a BAC of .10 or higher. This is in contrast to the proportion of all operator fatalities in our database which have BACs over .10. This proportion is .20 (based on the known BACs). Thus the proportion of sites corresponding to BACs over .1 is really quite large ( $7 / 15=.467$ compared to .2 for the accident sites). This suggests that if the sites are unrepresentative then they are biased towards high alcohol sites. Therefore, we need not calculate a lower bound on the relative risk due to possible bias in site selection - the unadjusted value 10.65 serves this purpose.

## 9. RELATIVE RISKS AT OTHER BAC LEVELS

So far we have concentrated on calculating relative risk for BAC greater than or equal to . 10 compared to BAC equal to zero. Because of the small accident sample and exposure sample it is necessary to compute relative risk for intervals which extend over all BACs higher than a certain level. However, this level can be changed.

Computed relative risks at various levels are plotted in Figure 3. The plotted points have a BAC value as the abscissa and the estimated relative risk for BAC at or over that value (compared to zero BAC) as the ordinate. The estimates become very noisy over a BAC level of .12 (because of small numbers). The plotted curve is only for convenience and is not to be taken as having a precision independent of the plotted points.

Since the cases of BAC above one level are also above any lower level the statistical stability of these estimates is decreasing. In particular the estimates of relative risk at very high BACs (. 12 and above) are based on few cases and are therefore potentially quite inaccurate.
Relative Risk for BAC greater
than or Equal to a Given Value
Compared to a BAC of Zero

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## 10. COMPARISON WITH HIGHWAY AND PEDESTRIAN RESEARCH

Borkenstein et al (Reference 2) studied the relative risk of intoxication for highway accidents. Although their results are primarily shown in different ways than employed here they may nevertheless be expressed as relative risks of the same type as calculated in this report and as such are shown in Table 5. The relative risk for BAC $\geq .10$ is comparable to that calculated in this report for the boating environment (i.e., 8.80 versus 10.65 ). For BAC $\geq .12$ or BAC $\geq .15$ the agreement is not so good (cf. Figure 3).

One reason the estimated risk for the boating environment is much larger than that for the highway environment for certain high ranges of BAC $(\geq .12)$ could be that the boating environment is especially dangerous to persons with a high level of intoxication. A second reason for the difference could be the very small numbers of boaters surveyed who had very high BACs, resulting in a relatively statistically unstable samples for very high BACs.

Table 5. Highway Risk (based on Borkenstein, et al. p. 230)

| BAC Range | $\geq .10$ | $\geq .12$ | $\geq .15$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Relative Risk | 8.80 | 10.42 | 18.46 |

A study conducted by Dunlap Inc. for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) (Reference 3) studied the relative risk of alcohol intoxication for pedestrians. Their study used site matching similar to Borkenstein's and to a lesser degree to ours (because of the nature of boating accidents they do not have such precisely defined sites as highway accidents). In addition the Dunlap study also considered age and sex matching (this was not considered in the present study because the exposure sample was not large enough). The relative risks for certain ranges of BACs with and without age/sex matching is shown in Table 6. The basic observation is that the relative risks appear to be smaller than in the boating ${ }^{6}$ environment and this may be due to the nature of pedestrian injury accidents compared to fatal boating accidents or it may be due to the statistically unstable nature of the boating risk data at the higher BACs.

Table 6. Pedestrian Risk (NHTSA / Dunlap p. 71)

| BAC Range | $.100-.149$ | $.150-.199$ | $.200-.249$ | $.250+$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age / Sex / Site <br> Matched | 1.72 | 2.12 | 5.19 | 37.86 |
| Site Matched | 2.79 | 5.11 | 9.04 | 11.25 |

## 11. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Based on boating fatality BAC data from California for the years 1984-1985 and a survey of recreational boat operators' BACs conducted at 21 sites in California, relative risks of fatality as a function of BAC were computed.

- The best estimate of relative risk of a boating fatality for a BAC of .10 or higher, compared to a BAC of zero, is 10.65 .
- Assuming Poisson distributions for the data, the lower bound estimate ( $95 \%$ confidence) is 4.74 .

Simplifying assumptions (see Section 8 for details) were made to adjust for the following potential sources of bias; these adjustments provide lower bound estimates of relative risk.

- If the non-participants had higher BACs than the boat operators providing samples the adjusted relative risk would be 8.38 (Section 8.1).
- If insufficent night data were collected, the adjusted relative risk would be 7.79 (Section 8.2)

One potential unadjusted source of bias which may have affected the risk estimate is site selection.

- If the sites selected had higher BACs than average sites (and Section 8.3 shows that the victim BACs tended to be high at the selected sites) the relative risk would actually be higher than calculated.

Compared to the highway situation, relative risk for BACs over .10 compared to zero BAC are about the same if one uses the Borkenstein (Reference 2) data. At higher BACs the present data suggest that the relative risk in the boating context may go up even more rapidly than in the highway context. Relative risks for higher values of BAC are estimated to be larger but are more uncertain because of limited data above .10 (especially the exposure data).

## 12. RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations provided below are based on both the results of this study and a previous study which was concerned with boating fatality data specifically. (The previous study is Reference 1 which resulted from the first part of this project.)

State and local governments should be encouraged to develop and conduct intervention and counter-measure programs to reduce the number of fatalities associated with operating recreational boats while intoxicated.

The results of this project indicate that a recreational boat operator with a BAC in excess of $0.10 \%$, has a fatality risk ten times that of a sober operator.

The effectiveness of these countermeasures and interventions should be measured. This will require more complete collection of boating fatality data.

Complete and unbiased fatality data is critical to any state or other government agency that wishes to measure the effectiveness of its intervention. When the first part of this study was performed, only two states collected blood alcohol data which was useable for assessment of the impact of intoxication on boating fatalities.

Alcohol countermeasure programs should not ignore situations which appear to be relatively benign for boaters who are not intoxicated.

In the first part of this project we found that disproportionatly large numbers of intoxicated boaters as compared to sober boaters died in what should be relatively safe conditions, i.e., in calm protected water as opposed to rough unprotected water, due to simply falling overboard as opposed to collisions or capsizings, and where there were other passengers in the boat who should have been able to provide aid.

It is important to make the public aware that these kinds of apparently innocuous situations can be very dangerous to the intoxicated boater.

## APPENDIX A

This appendix consists of two memoranda written by Robert G. Ulmer of Dunlap and Associates Inc. The first gives a detailed description of the second unit of data collection (in June of 1989) and the second gives a similar description of the third unit (in August of 1989). These memoranda contain detailed information on site selection, site description and data collection procedures.

The sites visited during unit 1 (not covered in the succeeding memos) were as follows (also indicated are date in 1989 and abbreviation used in Appendix B):

| Abbreviation | Site | Date |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DB | Discovery Bay | $6 / 16$ |
| BI | Brannan Island | $6 / 17$ |
| L | Laritzen's Yacht Harbor | $6 / 18$ |
| DR | Delta Resort | $6 / 19$ |
| MC | Lake McClure | $6 / 21$ |
| M | Milleston | $6 / 22$ |
| E | Lake Elsinore | $6 / 24$ |
| P | Lake Perris | $6 / 25$ |

July 19. 1989
Memorandum
To: Peter Mengert, Transportation Systems Center
From: Robert G. Ulmer, Dunlap and Associates, Inc.
Subject: Alcohol and Boating Safety Data Collection, June 16 - June 25, 1989
During the latter part of June 1989, R. Ulmer and C. Preusser from Dunlap and Associates were on site in California 10 collect additional data for the Transportation Systems Center (TSC)/Coast Guard study of alcohol use among recreational boaters. Basically, the data collection activity involved interviewing recreational boaters and obtaining breath tests to determine Blood Alcohol Concentrations (BACs). The purpose of this memorandum is to describe this effort in terms of the procedures employed and the results obtained.

## Site Selection

Inherent in the overall study design, is the adoption of a sampling plan calling for data collection to take place at bodies of water that have experienced (or are similar to those that have experjenced) fatal boating accidents in which the BACs of the victims are known. Other stated requirements for establishing the sampling plan are:

- Collection of data on weekends at sites where the associated accident occurred on a weekend, and during weekdays at sites where the accident occurred on a weekday.
- Collection of data primarily in the hours during which the associated accident occursed. Also, the extension of data collection into the later night hours so that this time period is represented.
- Employing an approximately equivalent number of sites where the associated accident did or did not involve alcohol use.
- Avoiding sites related to "open" ocean accidents.
- Collection of data at launch ramps, marinas and other on-shore facilities so that various power boat types, sizes and use pattern are covered."

Site selection was based on a listing of fatal boating accidents provided by TSC. This listing is shown in Table 1. The site selection process began by developing various tentative schedules which met the requirements noted above and were feasible in terms of travel distances.

[^1]Table 1
California Boating Fatalities
Input Data

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| 05132 | $4 / 25 / 84$ | Sacremento R. |
| 05151 | $5 / 4 / 84$ | Sacramento R. |
| 05459 | $6 / 8 / 84$ | Shasta Lake |
| 05437 | $6 / 9 / 84$ | Salton Sea |
| 05341 | $8 / 11 / 84$ | Shaver Lake |
| 05529 | $8 / 13 / 84$ | Salton Sea |
| 05129 | $4 / 30 / 85$ | Coean |
| 05178 | $5 / 15 / 85$ | Sacramento R. |
| 05355 | $5 / 30 / 85$ | Old River |
| 05131 | $6 / 6 / 85$ | Lake VeSwain |
| 05298 | $6 / 29 / 85$ | Salton Sea |
| 05412 | $8 / 11 / 85$ | Ocean |
| 05665 | $8 / 14 / 85$ | Yosmite Lake |
| 05397 | $8 / 17 / 85$ | Sacrarento R. |
| 05317 | $5 / 17 / 84$ | San Fran Bay |
| 05744 | $9 / 1 / 84$ | Ocean |


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| 05051 | 3/31/84 | Ocean |
| 05458 | 6/29/84 | Ocean? |
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| 05058 | 3/17/85 | Lake Perris |
| 05087 | 3/22/85 | Ocean |
| 05067 | 3/30/85 | Castaic Lake |
| 05244 | 4/8/85 | Audrey Das |
| 05138 | 5/5/85 | Ooean |
| 05372 | 5/25/85 | Shasta Lake |
| 05456 | 6/8/85 | San Joaquine R. |
| 05409 | 6/9/85 | Suisun Eay |
| 05434 | 7/3/85 | Millerton Lake |
| 05273 | 7/6/85 | San Eran Bay |
| 05397 | 8/17/85 | Sacramento R. |


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| Wilmington | Los Angeles |
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|  | Riverside |
| Heuport Beach | Los Angeles |
| Valencia |  |
| Uorgan Hill | Santa Clara |
| Horro Bay | S. Luis Obispo |
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| Des Reios | San Joaquine |
| Delta-Ninter Isl. | Contra Costa |
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As in the fall 1988 data collection, telephone contacts were then made with officials in the counties in which the various bodies of water were located. This process usually began with the County Sheriffs Department where we spoke with someone knowledgeable (e.g., a boating enforcement officer) regarding the possible use of the body of water for data collection purposes. Recommendations concerning specific collection sites, referrals to persons directly involved with the body of water, and in some cases, recommendations against particular sites resulted from these contacts. Further contacts were then made to obtain specific approvals to use various public and private facilities. As was the case last fall, we found that all of the individuals contacted were extremely interested in the study and willing to cooperate.

## Schedule

Table 2 indicates the data collection schedule that was employed. The entries in each cell of the table are as follows:

- The date of data collection
- The TSC case number
- The body of water at which sampling occurred

0 The day of week and time of day of the associated accident

- The BAC of the accident victim
- The name or type of facility involved
- Whether data collection was at a marina/ramp type of facility or a ramp (only) facility
- The approximate time period of the data collection

0 The number of interviews/the number of breath tests obtained
Data collection on Friday, June 16th took place at Discovery Bay Yacht Club. Discovery Bay is a relatively large, designed residential area approximately 15 miles west of Stockton in the Delta region. Many of the homes have backyard docks for boat mooring. In addjtion, the yacht club has moorings for larger vessels and dry storage for smaller boats. Hoists are used to launch and retrieve these latter boats when the owners wish 10 use them. There is also a public launch ramp but the launch fees have been set at $\mathbf{S} 30$ and outside use is minimal, therefore. The channel from the yacht club leads to the Old River, which was the site of the associated accident. Discovery Bay was recommended to us by Sgi. Jim Wood of the San Joaquin County Sherifr's Department. Richard Zaro, the Harbor Master, gransed permission for use of the site. He indicated that on a Friday most of the traffic would be "after work" boating, so the hours of $2-8 \mathrm{pm}$ were selected for data collection. The data collection jocation was the marina's gas dock and we sought inbound traffic. The weather was sunay and hot. Traffic volume was light and only 6 boaters were interviewed, with all providing a breath test.

On Saturday, June 17th, data collection rook place at the Brannan Island State Recreation Area, which is located on the Sacramento River in the Delta region, approximately 10 miles northeast of Pittsburg. The site was known to us as it had been used in the fall 1988 data collection (but selected for a different accident). It was

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chosen on the present occasjon because of its proximity to its associated accident. The District Superibtendent for the Delta District, Susan Ross, granted permission to use the site. A pighttime collection period of $4-10 \mathrm{pm}$ was employed. The 10 pm end time was chosen because the area closes at that hour. The test site was in a large parking lot near the facility's launch ramp. The ramp area itelf was wide and could accommodate at least six simultaneous boat launches or retrievals. The weather was clear and warm until sunset, when the temperature dropped considerably. A total of 17 interviews were completed and 15 breath tests were obtained. Virtually all of the boaters had left the area by sunset, so there were few contacts after dark. Only one boater was contacted between 7:45 and 10:00 pm (a BAC of . 104 was later noted for this case).

Laurjtzen's Yacht Harbor, located about midway between Antioch and Oakley, was the site of testing on Sunday, June 18th. The facility provides access to the junction of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers. Sgt. Carpenter and Deputy Gray of the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department recommended the site as the most active marina type facility near the associated accident. This was a private establishment with permission for use being granted by the owner, Chris Lauritzen. The facility proved to have covered moorings for those renting slips, as well as a for fee launch ramp with a two-boat capacity. Our collection site was located in a parking lot so that both types of uses could be covered. However, during the $1-7$ pm sampling period, no boats returned to moorings, and all contacts, therefore, were with those in-bound from the launch ramp. The weather was sunny and hot coupled with the aroma of a dearby paper processing factory. Twenty seven interviews and 23 breath rests were obtained.

The accident which dictated site selection for Monday June 19th, occurred in Dutch Slough, which is part of the Delta waterways east of Oakley. Personnel from the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department recommended the Delta Resort as a busy facility serving both Dutch Slough and the Franks Tract Recreational Area. Delta Resort is a privately owned facility. Gay Salizar, the manager, granted permission for its use. The facility proved to have a two-boat capacity launch ramp, some rental slips, dry storage and public moorings for those who wished to use the property's general store. Because of its layout, the site proved difficult to handle. Ulimately, the Intoxilyzer 5000 was located in an area where it was logical for boaters leaving the launch ramp 10 stop. As this location was not in view of the water, the study team sat at the head of the launch ramp so that we could observe its use along with activity at the docking area. The S-D2 portable breath rester (see below) was brought into play at this location, as it was unreasonable to expect boaters to walk from the dock area to the site of the Intoxilyzer. When a boater was about to trailer away from the launch ramp, the study team would leave its vantage point and move down a hill to the Intoxilyzer location and attempt to "intercept" the boating party. The Intoxilyzer was used in these instances, while the S-D2 tests came from the dock area. The weather was sunny, warm and very windy. Sampling took place between 1 and 7 pm, with 13 interviews and 12 breath rests being obtained.

Tuesday, June 20 was a travel day as the team moved south from the Delta. The central valley of California and the Sierra Nevada foothills contain aumerous natural and man-made lakes that are used for recreation, irrigation and other water supply purposes. These lakes tend to be under the jurisdiction of regional water districts, or state or county recreational districts. The accident to be covered on Wednesday, June 21 st occurred in Yosmite Lake near Merced. A Curt Royer of the patrol division of the Merced County Parks and Recreation Department, indicated that the lake is small with little mid-week use. He suggested that a better site would be Lake McClure, a county operated recreational area located about 12 miles away. Bruce Irwin, the Park Manager granted
permission for the site's use. On arrival, we learned that there were two possible launch ramps to use. Based on local advice, we chose the northern most of these. The location had a large paved parking area and a steep roadway about $1 / 4$ mile long down to the lake. About two-thirds of the way down, there was a turn around for boas and trailers and some hillside parking. We selected the paved parking lot as the collection site in the hope that most boaters would come all the way up the hill before stopping to attend to their rigs. The weather was sunny and hot with data collection taking place between 1 and 7 pm . The site proved to be a poor choice for study purposes. Only two interviews and two breath tests were obtajned. Other boats left the area during this time. However, because of the site layout and distances involved, is was not possible so make contact with these boaters.

The data collection site on Thursday, June 22nd was Millerton Lake, a state recreation area located northeast Fresno. Steven Horvitz of the San Joaquin Valley District granted permission for use of the site. Sampling was carried out at the launch ramp between $3: 30-10 \mathrm{pm}$ (the closing hour of the facility). At the outset, the weather was sunny, with temperatures topping 105 degrees. After sunset, the temperature declined considerably. The collection location was in a parking lot near a very wide launch ramp area that could accommodate numerous boats simultaneously. A total of 29 interviews and 28 breath tests were obtained.

Friday, June 23rd was a travel day as we moved into southern California. Data collection on Saturday, June 24th took place at Lake Elsinore, located approximately 20 miles south of Riverside. Jack Roggenbuck, the Chief Ranger for this state recreation area granted permission for its use and the use of Lake Perris, the following day. Data collection took place near the relatively wide launch ramp which was capable of handling at least six boats simultaneously. Coliection commenced at 3 pm and was to have continued until 10 pm , when the site closed. However, in the late afternoon, the winds became very strong, it turned quite cool and the lake water became rough. We were faced with a mass exodus of boaters until after 6 pm , by which time the parking area was deserted. Collection was terminated at this point, therefore. Twenty-four interviews and 22 breath rests were obtained.

The accident related to data collection on Sunday, June 25th occurred in Lake Irwine which is located in Orange County east of Santa Ana. Personnel from the Orange County Sheriffs Department indicated that this is a prjvate body of water used for irrigation purposes and has a small boat rental concession. Based on this information, we substituted Lake Perris, located about 20 miles to the east, as the collection site. As just doted, this lake is under the same jurisdiction as Lake Elsinore. The facility contains three virtually identical and side-by-side launch areas, each with is own ramp and parking lot areas. We set up in a driveway leading from the launch ramp to the parking lot as boaters were encouraged by signs to use this drive to stow gear after leaving the ramp. The start of data collection was delayed somewhat because of difficulty in finding our point of contact at the site. Data collection continued until approximately 7 pm , with 29 interviews and 26 breath tests obtained.

## Data_Collestion

The basic data collection procedures involved a member of the study team approaching boaters and asking for their anonymous cooperation with a boating safety survey. At launch ramp facilities, this was done with boaters leaving the perticular body of water. Based on prior observations, most boaters who trailer, will load their boats
onto the trailer at the ramp and then drive a short distance away to stow gear. The interviewer approached the boater at this point. At gasoline and other docks, in-bound boaters were approached once they had tied-up to the facility. At these latter facilities, the operator of the boat was known and approached. At launch ramps, the interviewer sought out the person who had done the primary boat operating during the day. No boater approached, refused to participate in the interview portion of data collection.

The interview form employed was that used previously and is shown in Figure 1. One addition to the form, is the inclusion of the numerals $1,2,3$ just above the line for recording the reason(s) for breath test refusal. When a boater refused the breath test, the interviewer circled the 1 if the judgment was that there was no indication of alcohol impairment, circled the 2 if it appeared that it was not likely that the person was impaired by alcohol, or circled the 3 if it was possible that the person was impaired by alcohol.

Following completion of the interview, the interviewer sought the cooperation of the boaters in providing a breath test, and for those that agreed, then escorted the persons to the breath test location. Breath testing was accomplished using an Intoxilyzer 5000 powered by a portable generator. The Intoxilyzer was confjgured so that the test results could not be seen by the boater or the team members. In a small number of cases, breath testing was done using the portable Lion Laboratories Alcolmeter S-D2 device. This is a hand-held instrument of the type used by police in pre-arrest screening in DWI cases. The S-D2 was employed only when an Intoxilyzer 5000 based test could not be obtained. Such instances arose when the distance from the interview site (e.g., at a dock) to the fixed Intoxilyzer location was so great that the boater could not be expected to walk the distance, or when the boater refused to make the walk. In such cases, the S-D2 was employed only when it was clear that the person would not be driving in the near future.

A second use of the S-D2 was on a few occasions when a person agreed to an Intoxilyzer 5000 test only if they could learn the test results. To maintain our stated position that Intoxilyzer 5000 rests could not be read immediately after testing, an S-D2 test was offered if the person was not about to drive a vehicle. This occurred in about four instances. In each case, subsequent comparison of the Intoxilyzer and S-D2 results showed complete agreement to two decimal places.

Each breath test result was recorded on a card by the Intoxilyzer or hand written for the S-D2 tests. Each card contains a code number that corresponds to the related interview form. Interview forms without this code number are breath test refusals. In some cases, more than one member of a boating party who had been operating the boat, volunteered to be tested. In these instances, the same test bumber was employed followed by an $A, B$, etc. Note that the test times recorded on the card are correct local California times. All interview forms and test cards have previously been transmitted to TSC. Overall, 147 interviews were completed, with breath tests being obtained in 134 of these (91.2\%). Of the 13 persons who refused, 11 indicated they had consumed some alcoholic beverage while boating and two said they had not. (Based on all of the interviews conducted, we believe this self reporting to be highly reliable.) Twelve of the refusals were judged as showing no sign of alcohol impairment (a rating of 1), and one person was judged as not likely to have been impaired by alcohol (rating of 2).

The topic of breath test refusals in the study is an extremely interesting one. A common initial reaction of peers hearing the study's method, is to suggest that persons who have consumed considerable alcohol would be unlikely to provide a breath test, while

## Figure 1 Imerview Eorn

Sliell $\qquad$ 2. Interviewer $\qquad$ 3. Date $\qquad$ 4. Current Time $\qquad$
5. Subject sex: $M$ $\qquad$ $F$ $\qquad$
6. Any signs of aicohol consumpilon: $Y$ $\qquad$ $N$ $\qquad$
If yes: Cans/Botiles $\qquad$ Alcohol on breath $\qquad$ Other $\qquad$

Confldenifal Interview -- a few minuies
If refused. why: $\qquad$
7. Your age:
8. Boat type: power _ sail_other $\qquad$
9. Boat lengih: $\qquad$
10. Engine horsepower: $\qquad$
11. Zip code where you live: $\qquad$
12. Your boating activity soday: fishing_ cruising__ oiner
13. Water conditions today: calm $\qquad$ 50u8h $\qquad$ strong cutrent $\qquad$
14. How many people in your pariy: $\qquad$
15. What time did you start out soday: $\qquad$
26. Did you sake any alcoholic beverages out with yous $Y$ __ $N$

If yes: How many in the party drank: How much did you drink: What units: Did others in the party driak more __ less__same_ as you

Breath Test: Inducement $\mathbf{Y} \quad \mathbf{N} \quad 2$

If so, whys
If Fesi Have jou had a drink within the last 15 minutesi $Y$ $\qquad$ $N$ $\qquad$ If Fes. pait 15 minutes

Have you bad algaretie windn the last 3 minutes: $Y$ _ $N$ $\qquad$ If yes. palt 3 minuies
17. Test subject aumber $\qquad$ (recorded on breath test card)
those who have had little or nothing to drink, would be more inclined to submit to the test (i.e., the suggestion is that selection bias would slant the study results toward finding less alcohol use than actually existed). Based on our experience, the reasons for test refusals are far more varied and complex than this hypothesis.

We have found that more than half of the boaters approached, seadily consent to the breath test. Many, but by no means all, in this group have had little or dothing to drink and often express considerable interest in the study and boating safety in general. Others who cooperate readily, express amusement about or interest in being tested ("I've never done this before and I'd like to see how it works"). Still others, who have indicated they have been drinking, wish to know their BAC level as a learning experience (as noted, we began employing an S-D2 $t 0$ provide this feedback, if the person was not a driver).

A sizeable minority of the boaters approached do not injtially agree to be tested. It is at this point that the truly hard work of study begins, as each situation must be handled uniquely, with different approaches, dialogs, cajoling, and occasionally monetary inducement being required. We have come to identify a number of subgroups among those initially disinclined $t 0$ be tested. These include:

- The affronted - the interview form contains items dealing with how much the boater had to drink. Amons those who report little or no alcohol use, there is a sizeable subgroup who feel that the request for a breath test somehow questions the veracity of their answers regarding drinking. A discussion along the lines that the quantitative evidence regarding alcohol and boating safety comes from the breath test and that it is extremely important that those with a zero BAC be represented, often overcomes this injtial reaction. This subgroup, howeve;, is among the most difficult to persuade and accounts for a considerable number of refusals.
- The wary - this subgroup includes the naturally suspicious as well as many boaters who have been drinking and who initially react that the request for a breath test is part of a law enforcement activity. A detailed description of the study, the identification of the study team as being from out-of-state and similar conversation usually overcome this reaction. However, this subgroup contains those whose wariness cannot be quelled and leads 10 refusals. Note for example, that in the present data, there is a refusal based on the belief that there "are too many police around".
- The appearance of police units is the vicinity of the data collection sites was a relatively common occurrence during this data collection unit. For example, Discovery Bay turned out to be one of the refueling locations for the County Sherifrs marine units; an unrelated disturbance caused nearby police presence at Brannan lsland; sheriff and Coast Guard patrol boass were seen in the waters off various test locations. Personnel at the state and county recreation areas were extremely cooperative with the study and recognized the possible negative impact of the appearance of their enforcement units. At these locations, patrol units were instructed so minimize their appearances in our vicinity. At other sites, we had no control over patrol activities. When a patrol unit was judged to be "too close" to elicit boater participation, sampling was suspended unsil the patrol unit moved away.
- The irate and harried - recreational boating is not always a pleasant experience and a small group of boaters is composed of those who have "not bad a good day" (e.s., engines have failed and they have been towed in, the boat is not sitting correctly on the trailer, they are sun burned or injured, there has been disagreement among members of the boating party, eic.). Sympathetic conversation and the monetary inducement are employed bere. However, refusals have come from this group because some persons cannot be distracted from their immediate concerns.
- Dissuaders - we have experienced several occasions when a boater being interviewed seems inclined to, or already has consented to the breath test, when another individual intercedes and attempts to dissuade them from participating. The most common instance of this oceurs with couples, when one partwer appears to become overly protective of the other. In other instances, persons from other boating parties and even passersby have interceded. The success in overcoming this situation depends in part on whether the interviewer can get into a position to continue contact with the boater and deflect the person who is interceding. Another factor here appears to be the distance to the Intoxilyzer. That is, if the distance is short, the person being interviewed seems to be able to say that, "this will only take a few seconds". On the other hand, if the distance is relatively long, they appear to become more equivocal.
- The last, small subgroup is composed of those persons who are generally negative about contacts with strangers (e.g., the type of person who won't give you the time of day). They participate in the interview grudgingly and when asked for the breath test, just say no and break contact.


## Information Requests

During the site arrangements, three individuals specifically requested copies of any report stemming from the project. We indicated that it would probably be some time before a final report would be produced and that we would ask the sponsor to include them in report distribution. These persons are:

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September 7, 1989
Memorandus
To: Peter Mengert, Transportation Systems Center
From: Robert G. Olmer, Dunlap and Associates, Inc.
Subject: Alcohol and Boating Safety Data Collection, August 18 - August 27, 1989

During the latter part of August 1989, R. Ulmer and C. Preusser from Dinlap and Associates were on site in California to collect further data for the Transportation Systens Center (ISC) Coast Gard study of alcohol use among recreational boaters. This data collection activity involved interviewing recreational boaters and obtaining breath tests to determine Blood Alcohol Concentrations (BACs). The purpose of this memorandun is to describe the effort in terms of the sites selected, the procedures employed and the results obtained.

## Site_Selection

Inherent in the overall study desien, was the adoption of a sampling plan calling for data collection to take place at bodies of water that have experienced (or are sinilar to those that have experienced) fatal boating accidents in which the BACs of the victims were liown. Other stated requirements for establishing the sampling plan are:

- Collection of data on weekends at sites where the associated accident cocurred on a weekend, and during weekdays at sites where the accident occurred on a weekday.
- Collection of data primarily in the hours during which the associated accident occurred. Also, the extension of data collection into the later night bours so that this tine period is represented.
- Enploying an approximately equivalent number of sites where the associated accident did or did not involve alcohol use.
- Avoiding sites related to "open" ocean accidents.
- Collection of data at launch raups, marinas and other on-shore facilities so that various power boat types, sizes and use pattern are covered.

In addition, the distances between various possible locations had to be is considered in developing the saruling schedule. Because of the bulk of the equipment employed, automobile travel ras used for transportation to the various sites. This prevented sampling at widely separated locations on consecutive days.

Site selection was based on a cormilation of fatal boating accidents provided by TSC. This overall listing is stown in Table 1. This listing was reduced by eliminating sites used in previous data collection, open ocean sites

Table 1 California Boating Fatalities Input Data

Case
Date
Body of
Location
County
Day Tire
BAC

## Operators

| $=$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 05322 | $4 / 8 / 84$ | Ocean |
| 05132 | $4 / 25 / 84$ | Sacremento R. |
| 05151 | $5 / 4 / 84$ | Sacramento R. |
| 05459 | $6 / 8 / 84$ | Shasta Lake |
| 05437 | $6 / 9 / 84$ | Salton Sea |
| 05341 | $8 / 11 / 84$ | Shaver Lake |
| 05529 | $8 / 13 / 84$ | Salton Sea |
| 05129 | $4 / 30 / 85$ | Ocean |
| 05178 | $5 / 15 / 85$ | Sacramento R. |
| 05355 | $5 / 30 / 85$ | Old River |
| 05131 | $6 / 6 / 85$ | Lake HeLuain |
| 05298 | $6 / 29 / 85$ | Salton Sea |
| 05412 | $8 / 11 / 85$ | Ocan |
| 05665 | $8 / 14 / 85$ | Yosmite Lake |
| 05397 | $8 / 17 / 85$ | Sacramento R. |
| 05317 | $5 / 17 / 84$ | San Fran Bay |
| 05744 | $9 / 1 / 84$ | Coean |


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|  | Yolo | Fri | 10pm | 0. 19 |
| Unk Yopes Yalley | Shasta | Fri | 6 m | 0 |
| Jones Valley 70 mi NE San ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Riverside | Sat | 3po | 0 |
| 40 mi NE Fresmo | Presmo | Sat | 7 mo | 0.08 |
| 70 mi NE San Diego | Inuerial | Mon | 10am | 0 0.02 |
| Cabrillo Beach | Los Angeles | Tue | unk | 0.02 |
| Near Sacto Airport | Sacramento | Hed | 11 pm 5 cm | 0.19 |
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| Near Merced | Mariposa | Sat | 2prom | 0.09 |
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| Humbolt Bay | Mercolt | Sun | 5pxo | 0 |
| Near Kerced | Merced | Sat | 10pm | 0 |
| Sherman Island | Sacramento San Fran | Thu | $1 \mathrm{x} \times$ | 0.15 |
| Santa Cruz | Santa Cruz | Sat | 190 | 0.14 |

Non-Operator

| 05128 | 3/25/84. | Black Brtte Lake | Orland | Tehera |
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| 05051 | 3/31/84 | Cosan | Catalina Island | Los Angeles |
| 05458 | 6/29/84 | Ocean? |  | Riverside |
| 05380 | 7/8/84 | Lake Elsinore | F. of Santa Ana | Orange |
| 05407 | 7/15/84 | Lake Irrine |  | Onk |
| 05516 | $7 / 29 / 84$ | Unk Slough | Near Oakley | Contra Costa |
| 05440 | $8 / 184$ | Dutch Slough | Hilmington | Los Angeles |
| 05705 | 8/12/84 | Cosar | Mendocimo | Hendocino |
| 05531 | 8/18/84 | Ocean | Huntington | Orange |
| 05629 | 10/28/B4 | coean |  | Riverside |
| 05068 | 3/17/85 | Lake Perris | Neuport Beach | Los Angeles |
| 05087 | 3/22/85 | coean Itake | Valencia |  |
| 05067 | 3/30/85 | Castaic Lake | Vorgan Hill | Santa Clara |
| 05244 | 4/8/85 | Audrey Dam | Morran Bay | S. Luis Obispo |
| 05138 | 5/5/85 | Ocean | Korro Bay | Shesta |
| 05372 | 5/25/85 | Shasta Lake |  | San Joaquine |
| 05456 | 6/8/85 | San Joaquine R. | Des Reios | Contra Costa |
| 05409 | 6/9/85 | Sulsum Bay | Delterninter | Madera. |
| 05434 | 7/3/85 | Millerton Lake | San Fran | Alarsda |
| 05273 | 7/6/85 | San Eran Bay | Delta-Sherman Isl | Sacramento |
| 05397 | 8/17/85 | Sacramento $R$. | Delta-Sheruan |  |


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and sites already found to be unsuitable (e.g., the Salton Sea). This reduced list is shown in Table 2 and becane the basis for the August site selection process.

As in previous data collection, telephone contacts were made with officials in the counties in which the candidate various bodies of water were located. This process usually began with the County Sheriffs Departuent where we spoke with someone lmowledgeable (e.g., a boating enforcement officer) regarding the possible use of the body of water for data collection pupposes. Recomendations concerning specific sites, referrals to persons directly involved with the body of water, and in some cases, recommendations against certain sites resulted from these contacts. Further contacts were then made to obtain specific approvals to use various public and private facilities.

In conparison with previous collection units, site scheduling for the August unit proved somewhat difficult. This was due, in part, to the relatively small number of accidents on the candidate list (Table 2) and, in part, to reluctance by some parties to grant us permission to test at certain locations. For exarmple, accident 5244 in Table 2 occurred in Santa Clara County, most likely in Calero Reservoir. After a series of telephone conversations and written requests, county officials indicated that they could not coperate with the study. The stated reason was that our study team would not be uniquely identified by uniforms, signs, etc., in the manner of such activities as the : Coast Guard Auxiliary's voluntary safety inspections. They felt that our presence could be viewed as an intrusion by local boaters.

As another exaruple, Shasta Lake is under the jurisdiction of the D.S. Forest Service and contains several private resorts with marinas and launch raups, operated under license with the Forest Service. None of the private facilities contacted was willing to serve as a study site. Through the cooperation of the Forest Service, testing at Shasta Lake was conducted at launch raups under their direct control. It should be noted that this was the only cocasion in which we experienced difficulty with privately owned facilities. Testing in previous units and at one of the two marina sites in San Francisco Bay in the August unit, was carried out at private facilities that readily agreed to cooperate. He suspect that marginal economic onnditions at the private facilities at Shasta Lake contributed to the reluctance to comperate.

As a final example, specific permission to test at one of the Sacramento sites was mot obtained. In carefully chosen words, we were told that pernission would not be given but we would not be stopped from conducting the study.

Schedule
Table 3 indicates the data collection schedule that was enployed. The entries in each cell of the table are as follows:

- The date of data collection
- The TSC accident case number
- The body of qrater at which sampling occurred

Table 2
California Boating Fatalities Potential Sites for August Unit
Case Date Location County Day Tire BaC

Operators

| 05132 | 4/25/84 | Sacremento R. | Alamar Landing | Yolo | Hed | 8 Bam | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 05151 | 5/4/84 | Sacramento R. | Unk | Yolo | Fri | 10ym | 0.19 |
| 05459 | 6/8/84 | Shasta Lake | Jones Valley | Shasta | Eri | 6arn | 0 |
| 05341 | 8/11/84 | Shaver Lake | 40 mi NE Fresmo | Eresno | Sat | 7pm | 0.08 |
| 05178 | 5/15/85 | Sacramento R. | Near Sacto Airport | Sacramento | Hed | 11 po | 0.03 |
| 05131 | 6/6/85 | Lake Moswain | Near Herced | Mariposa | Thas | 7 m | 0 |
| 05317 | 5/17/84 | San Fran Bay |  | San Eran | Thu | 1pru | 0.15 |

Non-Operator

| 05128 | 3/25/84 | Black Butte Lake | Orland | Tehema | Sun | 6am | 0.18 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 05516 | 7/29/84 | Unk |  | Unk | Sun | 10an | 0.07 |
| 05067 | 3/30/85 | Castaic Lake | Valencia |  | Sat | noon | 0 |
| 05244 | 4/8/85 | Audrey Dam | Morgan Hill | Santa Clara | Hon | 4 pm | 0.08 |
| 05372 | 5/25/85 | Shasta Lake | N. of Redding | Shasta | Sat | 6por | 0 |
| 05456 | 6/8/85 | San Joaquine R. | des Reios | San Joaquine | Sat | 4 pro | 0.04 |
| 05273 | 7/6/85 | San Eran Bay | San Eran | Alarsia | Sat | 10am | 0 |

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- The day of week and time of day of the associated accident
- The BAC of the accident victim
- The nare of facility involved
- Whether data collection nas at a marina/ramp type of facility or a ramp (only) facility
- The approximate time period of the data collection
- The number of interviews/the number of breath tests obtained


## Shasta Lalke

Two accidents in the databsse (5459 \& 5372) cocurred in Shasta Lales on a Friday and Saturday respectively. These cases, coupled with the accident in Black Autte Lake (5128), formed the basis for planning the first weekend of data collection.

Shasta Lake is located in northern California approximately 175 miles north of Sacramento and is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service. With a surface area of 30,000 acres, the lake is the largest man-made reservoir in the state.

Initial contact regarding the lake was with Lt. Tom Hodges of the Shasta County Sheriffs Department. He indicated that there were several private resort/marina/launch cormplexes around the lake and suggested several that might be suitable for the requirements of our study. A series of phone contacts was then made with a number of these locations but no coperation was obtained.

Lt. Hodges pext noted that there were several public launch rarups around the lake under the direct jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service and referred us to R. W. Eddy, a District Ranger with the Forest Service. Following several phone conversations, permission was Eranted for us to conduct data collection at the Packers Bay launch ranip on Friday, August 18 th and at the Jones Valley ranp on Saturday, August 19th.

He arrived in the Shasta Lake area on Thursday, August 17 th and checked in with the Rangers, received a description of the lake, inquired about the possibility of encounters with the bears, wountain lions and rattlesnakes that inhabited the vicinity (minimal), and visited the test sites.

Shasta Lake functions as a recreational area, a hydroelectric power generator, as an Irrigation source and as the supply for the Sacramento River. A continul flow of sater, therefore, is released from the lake's dam, and during the sumper months, this causes the lake level to fall dramatically. the tine of our visit, the lake was dom approximately 90 feet from its full level.) To accommodate boaters during periods of declining water levels, the launch ranps at the lake are somewhat unusual. At Packers Bay, the ramp has been paved at low sater down the banks of the lake. As the lake level falls, previously underwater sections of the ramp are exposed. At the time we were there, the effect was a many hundred foot long and steep rarp, with a large parking lot at the top.

As testing on Friday the 18 th was to have continued into the nighttime hours, we arrived at approximately 3 pro and attempted to set up in the parking lot area above the Packers Bay ranp. Only a small number of trailers were observed in the parking area. Unfortumately at that time, the generator began to leak gasoline and we were mable to solve this problem. We left the lake site and found a dealer in the nearest town but because of work backlog, he was unable to assist us. He located a nearby mechanic who examined the generator and determined that the carburetor assembly had been daraged. However, he did not have the necessary parts to make repairs. Saupling on Friday August 18th had to be abandoned, therefore. The following day, we purchased a new generator, obtaining a trade-in allowance on the damaged unit.

The Jones Valley launch area at Lake Shasta was the data collection site on Saturday, Ausust 18th. It consists of a series of ramp. The first paved ramp area and associated parking were high above the existing water level. The ramp in use was reached by a winding dirt road about a half-mile long that had been bulddozed into the exposed lake bank. A small paved ramp led to the water from this area, and a dirt parking lot was nearby. He understand that there was yet another similar arrangement that would be brought into use when the lake fell even lower. He set up in the parking lot area. The weather was sunny, with tenperatures in the 90s. A total of 14 interviews and 13 breath tests were obtained.

## Black Butte Iake

Accident 5128 in the database, led to the selection of Black Butte Lake as the collection site for Sundiay, August 20th. This body of water is located in Glenn and Tehama counties approximately 70 miles south of Shasta Lake. It is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is one of a system of flood control lakes developed by the Corps throughout northern and central California. The lake covers approximately 4,500 acres, with boating access being gained from three launch rarups around the lake. As the lake also serves irrigation purposes, it is subject to being drawn down in the summer months. However, this effect was not especially noticeable and the primary ramps were in use at the tirs of our visit.

Initial contact regarding the lake was with a Sgt. Nelson of the Tehana County Sheriffs Departrent who informed us that the Corps of Ariuy Engineers has the primary jurisdiction for the lake. Contact was then made with James Millert, the Park Manager for the Corps at the lake. Following completion by us of a request for a special use permit, permission was granted for our study.

On Sunday, August 20th, we initially set up at the Buckhorn ranp on the northwestern shore of the lake. Shortly after our arrival, a Corps Park Ranger arrived at the site and after a detailed discussion of our procedures, recommended that the Eagle Pass raup on the northeastern shore might be more suitable for our purposes. Taking this advice, we moved to the Eagle Pass site. This location consisted of a paved raup and a long, relatively narrou parking area. Our location was in the first parking position next. to the ranp ares. The weather was sunny and in the mid 80s. Signs in the area wamed against moving into shady areas without first checking for rattlesnakes and cautioned that poison oak was prevalent in the vicinity. Twelve interviews were completed and 11 breath tests obtained.

San Erancisco Bay
In the prelininary planning for the data collection unit, it had been hoped that the mid-week locations rould be San Francisco Bay (accident 5317) and Calero Reservoir in Santa Clara County (accident 5244). As noted above, Santa Clara County ultinately proved to be unilling to grant permission for testing. The decision was made, therefore, to substitute a second bay site as the other mid-week locale (accident 5273).

Testing on Tuesday. Ausust 22nd was conducted at the Berkley Marina which is a city orned facility located on the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay, north of Oakland. Permission to use the site was obtained from Kruger Hanson who is the Harbor Master. This is a large marina complex with slips for approximately 1,000 boats. Marina personnel indicated that there is about a 75\% to $25 \%$ mix of sail to pover boats berthed at the facility. Living aboard is rot permitted in the bay area.

As our test site, we chose a location near the marina's launch ramp from where we could contact raup users as well as permanent boaters leaving three of the dock access points. Unfortunately, a weather front crossed the California coast that day. On our arrival, fog and clouds covered the area, the teruperature was in the 60 s and a strong wind was blowing in from the ocean. Later in the day, the fog lifted. However, wind and teruperature conditions did not inuprove. Boating activity was minimal, with 3 interviews and 3 breath tests being obtained, all from raro users. No permanent boaters were seen leaving the marina slips we could observe.

At this site, we began to experience minor difficulties with the Intoxilyzer. In its operating cycle, the Intoxilyzer first draws an air blank sample to test. The instrument began to report, "Invalid Test" at this stage and issued a warming to check ambient conditions. We suspected that the outside air teruperature may have been low for the instrument. A test inmediately following the invalid test, functioned normally. He continued to experience this difficulty on cocasion throughout the remaining test sites. No tests were lost, however, and we do not believe that test readings were affected.

Testing on Hednesday, August 23rd was at the Clipper Yacht Harbor. This marina complex is a privately ormed facility located in Sausalito, north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Our initial plan was to work at the gas dock until it closed at 5 pm and then seek out boaters returning to permanent morings. (The gas dock was too far from the mooring area to do both simultaneously.) Upon arrival, we noted the launch ranup was about 100 yards from the gas dock. Due to the layout of the facility, there was no reasonable area in which we could set up the Intoxilyzer near the gas dock Also, because of the relatively large mober of poople moving about the area on foot (apparently tourists), we felt it would be unkise to leave the Intoxilyzer and generator unattended in the stopping area used by boaters leaving the rarp while we tested at the gas dock. He, therefore, decided to use the S-D2 for testing purposes and "shurttle" back and forth between the two locations when boaters appeared.

The weather was considerably improved, with sunny skies and tentrerature in the mid 70s. Between 1 and 5 pr , we had conducted six interviews at the ramp and 4 at the gas dock, with one refusal at each site bringing the number of breath tests obtained, to eight. No high BAC readings were recorded. At 5 pro the gas dock closed and it was noted that the trailer parking area was enupty.

Local personnel indicated that we could expect little, if any, traffic in the marina area later in the day. He moved to the berthing area and observed it for an extended time period. No traffic was found and no further intervieus resulted.

## Sacramento

Accidents 5151 and 5178 led to the selection of two test sites in the City of Sacramento for Friday, August 25 th and Saturday, the 26 th . Initial contact regarding testing sites for these accidents was with the Marine Unit of the Yolo County Sheriffs Department. Fersonnel from this agency indicated that sites in Sacramento would be higher volume locations and were basically "just across the river" from Yolo County. They specifically recommended Miller and Discovery Parks as busy launch rarup sites. Both of these facilities are on the Sacramento River and are under the jurisdiction of the City of Sacramento. In the case of Miller Park, the Harbor Master indicated that they would not specifically approve our testing at the site but would not prevent us from doing so. In the case of Discovery Park, Gary Kukkola, the Park Superintendent, approved our use of the site.

On Eriday, August 25th, we set up at Miller Park at about 3:30 pro. The day was sunny and mild. Our location was at the side of the roadway leading from the ramp area. The facility also contained a marina mooring area. This could not be reached from our location, however, because of a waterway between the ramp site and the marina. All testing was done at the ramp, therefore. A total of 13 interviews and 12 breath tests were obtained. The last intervieu/test took place shortly after 8:30 pro. In the ensuing hour and one-half, no boaters used the ramp. As the park officially closed at 10 pm , we left the site at that time. (The few remaining trailers in the parking area were attributed to overnight boating parties.)

Testing on Saturday the 26th, was at Discovery Park during the hours of 1 to 7 pro . He set up across from the launch ramp area; the weather was sunny and in the 80s. A total of 26 interviews and 26 breath tests were obtained.

Lake Taboe
Because of the small number of cases remaining in the database and their location, the found it irupossible to schedule the final meekend day based on an actual accident situation. After considering various alternatives, (e.g. : testing for an additional day at one of the Sacramento sites), it was decided to test at Lalke Tahoe on Surday, August 27th. The rational was that this is a large and well known recreational area and would provide the most easterly site used in the study.

Lake Tahoe is located on the Califormia/Nevada border approximately 120 miles east of Sacramento. Initial contact about the lake was with the Placer County Sheriffs Department (Lt. Hall), who referred us to the Lake Tahoe Sheriff's substation. Officer Baumgardner there, provided a detailed account of boating on the lake. He recommended using the Lake Forest ramp located on the northwestern shore. Gary Romano of the Farks and Recreation Departrent Eranted permission to use the rarup site.

He set $u$ in the parking area adjacent to the ramp. The weather wes sunns with teroperatimes in the mid-70s. A total of 14 interviens and 14 breain tests were obtained.

## Data Collection

Deta collection procedures were the same as in previous units. They involved a member of the study tean approaching boaters and esking for their anonymiv conperation with a boating safety survey. At launch ravp facilities, this was done with boaters leaving the particular body of water when they stopped to stor gear after pulling away from the ranu. At gasoline docks, in-bound boaters were aproached onoe they had tied-up to the facility. At these latter facilities, the operator of the boet was knom and approached. At launch raups, the interviewer sought out the person who had done the prinary boat operating ouring the day. During the Ausust collection unit, no boter approached, refused to participate in the interview portion of data collection.

Folloring consletion of the intervie:, the intervieaner sought the مoperation of the boters in providing a breath test, and for those that egreed, then escorted the persons to the breath test location. Breath testing was acconquished using an Intoxilyzer 5000 ponered by a portable generator. Tine Intoxilyzer was configured so that the test results could not be seen by the bester or the tean members. In sore ceses, especielly at Clipper Yacht Herbor, zreath testing wes cone using the portable Lion Laboratories Alolmeter S-DQ device.

As in the June unit, the S-D2 was elso used on a fer ocasions wien a person agreed to an Intoxilyzer 5000 test only if they could learn the test results. To meintain our stated position thet Intoxilyzer tests could not be read imodiately after testing, an S-DR test wies offered if the person wis net about to drive a vehicle.

Each breath test result was reoorded on a card by the Intoxilyzer or hand rritten for the S-DE tests. Each card contains a code number that corresponis to the related intervien form. Interviek forms without a code numer are breeth test refusals. In some cases, more then one member of a boating party who had been operating the boat, volunteered to be tested. In these instances, the sare test number sas employed fiollowed by an A, B, etc. Note that the test times recoried on the card are correct local California times. All interview forms and test cards have been previously transmitied to ISC.

Overall, 82 interviews were completed, with breath tests being obtained in 87 of these ( $94.6 \%$ ). Of the 5 persons who refused, 3 indicated they had consumed some alcoholic beverage while boating and two said they had not. Four of the refusals were judged es stowing no simn of alcohol inpainment a rating of 1), and one person was judged as not likely to have been lupeired by alcohol (rating of 2).

Besed on those providing treath tests, 69.0 percent of the boaters had a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .000, 20.7 percent had a BAC betimen a trace armint and $.049 \%, 6.9$ percent of the boters had a BAC in the $.050 \%$ - . 099\% range, and 3.4 percent had a BAC of $.10 \%$ or higher.

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## APPENDIX B

This appendix gives a complete listing of the boat operators survey database constructed for this project. The columns are headed by abbreviations which are intended to designate the following data elements:

1. Observation number
2. Site - abbreviated- see Appendix A for the full site names
3. Date of interview
4. Time of interview
5. Sex of boater (operator)
6. Signs of alcohol consumption yes or no
7. Age of boater
8. Length of boat
9. Horsepower of boat
10. ZIP code of boater's residence
11. Activity
12. Water conditions
13. Persons on board
14. Time that boating started
15. Were alcoholic beverages consumed?
16. Were alcoholic beverages taken with?
17. How much did respondent drink?
18. Blood alcohol concentration measured by breathlyzer - blank if no test
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## APPENDIX C

This appendix gives an abbreviated listing of the boating accident database developed earlier by VNTSC under this project. The columns contain the following data items:

1. Observation Number
2. Age of victim ( $0=$ unknown $)$
3. Sex of victim $(0=u n k n o w n)$
4. Was this victim the operator? (0 or $9=$ unknown)
5. Length of boat ( $99=$ unknown)
6. Month in which accident occurred
7. Number of persons on board ( $99=$ unknown)
8. Time of day $(99=u n k n o w n)$
9. BAC of victim (999. = unknown)

This listing is limited to California (1984 and 1985) and to the above 8 data items.

| Obs | Victim Are | Victim Sex | Operator | Length | Month | P-O-B | Time | BAC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 18 | M | -0. | 14 | 11 | 04 | 14 | 0. |
| 2 | 15 | M | -0- | 14 | 11 | 04 | 14 | 0. |
| 3 | 22 | M | N | 18 | 05 | 06 | 18 | 0. |
| 4 | 33 | M | N | 12 | 01 | 03 | 12 | 0. |
| 5 | 49 | M | $Y$ | 16 | 12 | 02 | 16 | 0. |
| 6 | 47 | M | Y | 16 | 02 | 03 | 13 | 0. |
| 7 | 40 | M | $Y$ | 13 | 05 | 01 | 13 | 0. |
| 8 | 67 | M | Y | 16 | 06 | 03 | 09 | 0. |
| 9 | -0- | M | Y | 17 | 08 | 01 | 10 | 0. |
| 10 | 52 | F | N | 16 | 08 | 05 | 22 | 0. |
| 11 | 70 | -0. | N | 18 | 02 | 03 | 99 | 0. |
| 12 | 70 | M | Y | 18 | 02 | 03 | 99 | 0. |
| 13 | 29 | M | Y | 10 | 01 | 03 | 99 | 0. |
| 14 | -0- | M | Y | 40 | 01 | 03 | 16 | 0. |
| 15 | 20 | F | N | 20 | 10 | 09 | 03 | 0. |
| 16 | 56 | M | Y | 19 | 12 | 05 | 99 | 0. |
| 17 | 53 | M | N | 40 | 03 | 05 | 12 | 0. |
| 18 | 32 | F | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 07 | 07 | 02 | 13 | 0. |
| 19 | 31 | F | $Y$ | 18 | 03 | 02 | 99 | 0. |
| 20 | 59 | M | -0. | 15 | 06 | 04 | 15 | 0. |
| 21 | 56 | M | N | 14 | 08 | 03 | 17 | 0. |
| 22 | 32 | M | $\boldsymbol{Y}$ | 12 | 12 | 02 | 09 | 0. |
| 23 | 30 | M | $Y$ | 27 | 02 | 03 | 14 | 0. |
| 24 | 85 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 12 | 04 | 02 | 07 | 0. |
| 25 | 99 | M | -0- | 16 | 06 | 03 | 09 | 0. |
| 26 | 80 | M | N | 18 | 07 | 03 | 10 | 0. |
| 27 | 24 | M | N | 14 | 03 | 04 | 12 | 0. |
| 28 | 22 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 06 | 06 | 02 | 11 | 0. |
| 29 | 68 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 15 | 04 | 02 | 08 | 0. |
| 30 | 07 | M | N | 15 | 03 | 03 | 21 | 0. |
| 31 | 12 | M | N | 15 | 03 | 03 | 21 | 0. |
| 32 | 14 | M | -0- | 14 | 11 | 04 | 14 | 0. |
| 33 | 30 | M | N | 18 | 06 | 04 | 17 | 0. |
| 34 | 64 | M | $Y$ | 09 | 06 | 01 | 06 | 0. |
| 35 | 65 | M | -0- | 15 | 06 | 04 | 15 | 0. |
| 36 | 70 | M | Y | 17 | 06 | 01 | 07 | 0. |
| 37 | 53 | M | $Y$ | 99 | 02 | 02 | 99 | 0. |
| 38 | 30 | M | -0- | 99 | 08 | 99 | 11 | 0. |
| 39 | 59 | M | N | 16 | 03 | 03 | 07 | 0. |
| 40 | 39 | M | Y | 18 | 08 | 01 | 99 | 0. |
| 41 | 67 | M | -0. | 12 | 04 | 02 | 07 | 0. |
| 42 | 25 | M | Y | 99 | 07 | 03 | 18 | 0. |
| 43 | 35 | M | Y | 99 | 04 | 01 | 18 | 0. |
| 44 | 16 | M | Y | 16 | 12 | 03 | 14 | 0. |
| 45 | 27 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 10 | 08 | 01 | 17 | 0. |
| 46 | 26 | M | Y | 15 | 06 | 02 | 14 | 0. |
| 47 | 54 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 14 | 04 | 03 | 13 | 0. |
| 48 | 18 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 99 | 06 | 02 | 18 | 0. |
| 49 | 50 | F | N | 18 | 07 | 14 | 18 | 0. |
| 50 | 19 | M | N | 99 | 06 | 02 | 18 | 0. |
| 51 | 47 | M | N | 19 | 12 | 05 | 99 | 0. |
| 52 | 17 | M | $Y$ | 14 | 08 | 02 | 99 | 0. |
| 53 | 48 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 36 | 04 | 07 | 16 | 0.02 |


| 54 | 34 | M | $Y$ | 16 | 04 | 04 | 99 | 0.02 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 55 | 18 | M | $Y$ | 14 | 11 | 03 | 99 | 0.02 |
| 56 | 99 | M | -0. | 16 | 06 | 03 | 09 | 0.02 |
| 57 | 82 | M | Y | 99 | 10 | 01 | 16 | 0.03 |
| 58 | 63 | M | N | 20 | 05 | 03 | 07 | 0.03 |
| 59 | 27 | M | Y | 16 | 03 | 03 | 13 | 0.03 |
| 60 | 23 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 99 | 11 | 02 | 11 | 0.03 |
| 61 | 61 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 14 | 05 | 03 | 23 | 0.03 |
| 62 | 48 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 16 | 02 | 03 | 13 | 0.04 |
| 63 | 20 | F | N | 18 | 06 | 01 | 16 | 0.04 |
| 64 | 27 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 14 | 12 | 04 | 08 | 0.05 |
| 65 | 24 | M | N | 16 | 03 | 03 | 13 | 0.05 |
| 66 | 24 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 13 | 05 | 99 | 17 | 0.05 |
| 67 | 20 | M | N | 16 | 08 | 05 | 22 | 0.05 |
| 68 | 61 | M | N | 16 | 03 | 03 | 07 | 0.06 |
| 69 | 20 | M | N | 99 | 07 | 02 | 13 | 0.07 |
| 70 | 30 | M | N | 27 | 02 | 03 | 14 | 0.07 |
| 71 | 25 | M | N | 23 | 07 | 04 | 10 | 0.07 |
| 72 | 24 | F | N | 44 | 08 | 03 | 20 | 0.07 |
| 73 | 24 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 18 | 08 | 01 | 19 | 0.08 |
| 74 | 51 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 15 | 06 | 04 | 15 | 0.08 |
| 75 | 32 | M | N | 99 | 04 | 03 | 16 | 0.08 |
| 76 | 52 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 33 | 03 | 05 | 99 | 0.08 |
| 77 | 27 | M | N | 20 | 02 | 04 | 10 | 0.09 |
| 78 | 64 | M | Y | 14 | 06 | 01 | 14 | 0.09 |
| 79 | 24 | M | N | 20 | 10 | 09 | 03 | 0.09 |
| 80 | 23 | M | Y | 16 | 11 | 02 | 15 | 0.1 |
| 81 | -0- | M | $\mathbf{N}$ | 18 | 06 | 03 | 15 | 0.1 |
| 82 | 22 | M | N | 20 | 10 | 09 | 03 | 0.1 |
| 83 | 27 | M | N | 20 | 10 | 09 | 03 | 0.11 |
| 84 | 42 | M | -0. | 17 | 02 | 02 | 99 | 0.12 |
| 85 | 84 | M | Y | 21 | 01 | 01 | 14 | 0.12 |
| 86 | 20 | M | Y | 06 | 07 | 02 | 15 | 0.14 |
| 87 | 47 | M | Y | 44 | 09 | 06 | 01 | 0.14 |
| 88 | 19 | M | Y | 17 | 01 | 02 | 17 | 0.14 |
| 89 | 24 | F | N | 20 | 10 | 09 | 03 | 0.14 |
| 90 | 41 | M | Y | 26 | 05 | 01 | 13 | 0.15 |
| 91 | 50 | M | $Y$ | 08 | 10 | 02 | 99 | 0.15 |
| 92 | 55 | M | -0- | 17 | 02 | 02 | 15 | 0.16 |
| 93 | 36 | M | N | 15 | 07 | 06 | 16 | 0.16 |
| 94 | -0- | M | N | 12 | 08 | 02 | 20 | 0.17 |
| 95 | 33 | M | N | 16 | 03 | 05 | 06 | 0.18 |
| 96 | 25 | M | N | 14 | 12 | 02 | 19 | 0.18 |
| 97 | 28 | M | $Y$ | 16 | 08 | 05 | 22 | 0.19 |
| 98 | 67 | M | Y | 12 | 05 | 01 | 17 | 0.19 |
| 99 | -0. | M | N | 19 | 07 | 02 | 13 | 0.19 |
| 100 | 36 | M | Y | 12 | 05 | 02 | 22 | 0.19 |
| 101 | 63 | M | Y | 45 | 11 | 06 | 07 | 0.22 |
| 102 | 58 | M | N | 33 | 03 | 05 | 99 | 999. |
| 103 | 32 | M | Y | 14 | 02 | 01 | 16 | 999. |
| 104 | 12 | F | N | 17 | 05 | 06 | 17 | 999. |
| 105 | 32 | M | Y | 18 | 06 | 01 | 06 | 999. |
| 106 | 55 | M | Y | 16 | 06 | 03 | 21 | 999. |
| 107 | -0 | F | N | 40 | 01 | 03 | 16 | 999. |


| 108 | 33 | M | N | 20 | 02 | 04 | 10 | 999. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 109 | 13 | M | N | 21 | 09 | 13 | 06 | 999. |
| 110 | 13 | M | N | 26 | 03 | 12 | 13 | 999. |
| 111 | 31 | M | Y | 12 | 05 | 02 | 03 | 999. |
| 112 | 53 | M | N | 33 | 03 | 05 | 99 | 999. |
| 113 | 24 | M | $Y$ | 15 | 03 | 04 | 12 | 999. |
| 114 | 13 | M | $Y$ | 07 | 03 | 01 | 14 | 999. |
| 115 | 62 | M | N | 16 | 08 | 06 | 19 | 999. |
| 116 | 71 | M | N | 36 | 10 | 06 | 13 | 999. |
| 117 | 43 | M | $Y$ | 12 | 01 | 01 | 99 | 999. |
| 118 | 65 | M | N | 14 | 08 | 02 | 03 | 999. |
| 119 | 26 | M | -0. | 06 | 08 | 02 | 99 | 999. |
| 120 | 38 | F | $Y$ | 18 | 03 | 02 | 99 | 999. |
| 121 | 47 | M | $Y$ | 12 | 05 | 01 | 16 | 999. |
| 122 | 42 | M | $Y$ | 99 | 03 | 99 | 99 | 999. |
| 123 | 25 | M | 9 | 13 | 10 | 02 | 99 | 999. |
| 124 | 22 | M | 9 | 13 | 10 | 02 | 99 | 999. |
| 125 | 27 | M | -0. | 22 | 09 | 02 | 99 | 999. |
| 126 | 33 | M | Y | 99 | 11 | 01 | 12 | 999. |
| 127 | 49 | M | N | 12 | 05 | 02 | 22 | 999. |
| 128 | 28 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 99 | 04 | 01 | 19 | 999. |
| 129 | 58 | M | N | 18 | 06 | 02 | 14 | 999. |
| 130 | 56 | M | N | 33 | 03 | 05 | 99 | 999. |
| 131 | 44 | M | Y | 32 | 11 | 01 | 99 | 999. |
| 132 | 22 | F | N | 18 | 05 | 06 | 18 | 999. |
| 133 | 28 | M | N | 21 | 08 | 03 | 17 | 999. |
| 134 | -0- | M | -0- | 32 | 09 | 04 | 22 | 999. |
| 135 | 62 | -0- | $Y$ | 16 | 02 | 03 | 13 | 999. |
| 136 | 53 | M | $Y$ | 23 | 05 | 02 | 22 | 999. |
| 137 | 27 | M | $\mathbf{Y}$ | 16 | 01 | 02 | 99 | 999. |
| 138 | 50 | M | N | 27 | 09 | 03 | 15 | 999. |
| 139 | 45 | M | N | 12 | 11 | 02 | 14 | 999. |
| 140 | 67 | M | N | 30 | 11 | 07 | 15 | 999. |
| 141 | 03 | M | N | 15 | 07 | 06 | 16 | 999. |
| 142 | 22 | M | N | 14 | 11 | 03 | 99 | 999. |
| 143 | 21 | M | N | 14 | 11 | 03 | 99 | 999. |
| 144 | 49 | M | Y | 12 | 03 | 01 | 16 | 999. |
| 145 | 19 | M | N | 33 | 03 | 05 | 99 | 999. |
| 146 | 39 | M | N | 19 | 12 | 05 | 99 | 999. |

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[^1]:    - During early stages of the study, on-the-water testing was considered. Because of cost, logistical and other considerations, and the likely low sample sizes that would be obrained, this approach to data collection was abandoned.

